

Policy Agenda



Healthier Kids
Foundation
Santa Clara County

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THEORY OF CHANGE

At Healthier Kids Foundation, we believe every child deserves equitable access to quality care.

Guided by data from the Children's Data Book and cross-sector partnership across the Children's Agenda Network, we advance policies that remove barriers to health, learning, and opportunity so all youth can achieve good health, educational equity, and lifelong success as productive community members.

POLICY PRIORITIES



Every Child Healthy

Ensure all children have access to and utilize quality physical and behavioral healthcare.

KEY INDICATORS:

- Prenatal Care
- Annual Health Check-Ups and Dental Appts



Every Child Safe and Stable

Improve housing stability, food security, and financial stability for families.

KEY INDICATORS:

- Real Cost Measure
- Housing Stability
- Food Security



Every Child Successful in Learning

Expand access to early childhood and extended learning opportunities that support key academic milestones, reduce absenteeism, and promote alternatives to suspension.

KEY INDICATORS:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Third Grade English Language Arts (ELA) and Eighth Grade Math Standards
- Chronic Absenteeism
- School Suspension Rates



Every Child Thriving in Life

Expand pathways to graduation, post-secondary education, and re-engagement for non-graduates, and connect youth to livable-wage careers.

KEY INDICATORS:

- Graduation Rates
- UC/CSU Requirements
- Postsecondary Enrollment
- Annual Income/Earning for Santa Clara Youth Under Age 25

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PROGRAMS

HKF pursues its policy priorities through Screening, Care Navigation, and Education—an integrated continuum addressing barriers at each stage of childhood.

Screening



Supports Healthy Children by identifying unmet physical, behavioral, and developmental health needs early and connecting children to appropriate care.

Care Navigation



Supports Safe & Stable Children and Families by helping families access health coverage, medical homes, appointments, and critical support services.

Education



Supports Successful Learners by empowering families with the knowledge and tools to support healthy development and drives data-informed action that advances comprehensive health and creates pathways to Thriving Adults and Stronger Communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

HKF's policy agenda advances the first three commitments of the Strategic Plan.

COMMITMENT	SO THAT	IN SERVICE TO	ALIGNMENT
1 Advance Health Equity	Every child has the care they need.	Equity and access	Advocates for policies expanding access to physical, behavioral, and social-emotional healthcare.
2 Build a Health Ecosystem around Each Child and their Family	Every child is set up for lifelong wellbeing.	Program delivery	Supports policies addressing housing stability, food security, and family economic wellbeing.
3 Drive Smart, Sustainable Solutions Grounded in Community Need	HKF delivers greater service impact and organizational resilience.	Operations and financial sustainability	Uses data-driven, equitable solutions to improve outcomes and expand economic mobility.